Allotment of Ration Shops and Kerosene Depots

5628. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ration shops and Kerosene depots allotted during the last three years by the Department of Food and Civil Supplies of Delhi Administration;

(b) whether some complaints in this regard have been received by the Government;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct any inquiry in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Delhi Administration has reported that during the last three years 463 fair price shops and 100 kerosene oil depots were allotted.

(b) to (e). Yes, Sir. 8 complaints were received by the Delhi Administration during this period . Four out of 8 complaints were found to be not based on facts and the remaining are under investigation.

[*English*]

Low Power T.V. Stations in Orissa

5629. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of low power T.V. stations set up in Orissa and the number of them which cater to tribal population of Orissa;

(b) the details of such stations proposed for further coverage of tribal population;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide T.V. receiving sets in each tribal village in view of the fact that more than 70 per cent of tribal population in Orissa live below the poverty line; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Of the two high power transmitters; 21 low power TV transmitters and one TV transposer presently functioning in Orissa, one high power TV transmitter; 19 low power TV transmitters and the TV transposer are located in the Tribal Sub-Plan districts of the State.

(b) On the commissioning of the high power (10KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Bhawanipatna, in replacement of the existing low power transmitter, TV coverage in the Tribal Sub-Plan districts of Kalahandi, Koraput and Phulbani shall stand improved.

(c) and (d). There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government as the installation and maintenance of TV sets for community viewing in the States/Union Territories is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments/union Territory Administrations.

Storage Facilities for Vegetable, Fruits and Coarse Grains

5630. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the districts in the country where adequate facilities have not been provided for

the storage of vegetable, fruits and coarse grains;

(b) if so, the number of such districts, State-wise;

(c) whether adequate storage facilities are available for vegetables, fruits and coarse grains in Ganjam district of Orissa; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to provide adequate storage facilities therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TEH MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). A number of agencies are involved in construction of storage capacity in the country. The storage facilities at Taluka/Block/Village level are provided by Cooperatives under the purview of Ministry of Agriculture and State Governments. Ministry of Rural Development is also implementing a scheme for construction of rural godowns at block/village level through State Government agencies. Assessment of the requirement of storage capacity, for various activities at the District level, is the concern of the State Governments.

(c) and (d). National Cooperative Development Corporation has assisted Government of Orissa for the establishment of 2 cold storages, 141 rural godowns and 10 marketing godowns in District Ganjam. The Ministry of Rural Development has also approved programmes for the construction of three godowns in this District. Besides, Food Corporation of India, Central Warehousing Corporation and the State Warehousing Corporation has built up considerable storage capacity in the said District.

Consumer Cooperative Stores

5631. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been providing financial assistance to the State Governments to develop urban consumer co-operative stores;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned to different states for the development of consumer co-operative stores in the urban areas in last three years;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the poor conditions of the urban consumer co-operative outlets in the State of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to strengthen co-operative stores in that State with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing state-wise financial assistance sanctioned under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of Consumer Cooperatives in urban areas is in the statement attached.

(c) and (d). Government of India is operating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Consumer Cooperatives in urban areas. The financial assistance under the Scheme provided is in the nature of additive and supplemental to the normal plan resources that the State Governments would provide from their own Cooperatives plan for strengthening consumer cooperatives. During Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) financial assistance of Rs. 17.05 lakhs was sanctioned to Government of Orissa for setting up 14 outlets of various sizes and rehabilitation of 2 week and sick consumer stores.

Besides, financial assistance of Rs. 4.65 lakhs was also sanctioned during 1990-91 for setting up 4 outlets. State Government has submitted proposals for financial assistance of 4 societies in this financial year.